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DPS Issues a Response to Maricopa County Attorney’s News Release on Photo Enforcement Prosecution

On behalf of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the below statement is in response to the numerous requests we have received from various media organizations regarding the press release from the Maricopa County Attorney regarding prosecuting criminal photo enforcement cases. DPS had no prior knowledge or notification of the decision so we wanted to review the information internally before responding to media requests to comment on it.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the state law enforcement agency entrusted with the responsibility to enforce traffic laws enacted by the Arizona State Legislature. In addition we operate in this enforcement posture within the mandates articulated by the court system and most importantly under the direction of the Office of the Arizona State Attorney General. DPS officials will be meeting with the State Attorney General to seek guidance reference the information contained within the news release issued by the Maricopa County Attorney.

At this time we do not have a specific response to the news release and will not have any comment until such time we receive direction from the State Attorney General.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona’s highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona’s largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix with offices located in more than 30 communities within Arizona’s 15 counties.